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Pennsylvania Broilers

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Pennsylvania Broiler Placements Up 14 Percent from the Previous Week

Pennsylvania: Broiler chicks placed in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 18, 2006, were 2,946,000, up 14 percent from the previous week and 3 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were 4 percent below one year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 3,984,000, down 2 percent from the previous week and down 2 percent from the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 3 percent below the comparable period last year.

Nineteen States: Broiler chicks placed in the 19 Selected States were 177,078,000, up 1 percent from the previous week and up slightly from the

corresponding week a year earlier. Placements during the past 9 weeks were slightly below one year ago. Settings for broiler chicks were 213,723,000, down 1 percent from the previous week but up slightly from the same week a year ago. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 1 percent above the comparable period last year.

Expected Marketings: Expected marketings, based on placements 7-9 weeks earlier, less mortality allowance, in Pennsylvania for the week ending May 13, 2006, will be 2,710,000, down 7 percent from a year earlier. The 19 States expected marketings should total 170,133,000, 1 percent below the previous year.

Broilers Placed, Eggs Set, Expected Marketings

Period Covered	Pennsylvania			19 States		
	Number (1,000)	Percent		Number	Percent	
		Previous Week	Year Earlier	(1,000)	Previous Week	Year Earlier
Broilers Placed						
Past Week	2,946	114	103	177,078	101	100
Past 9 Weeks	25,866	NA	96	1,573,163	NA	100
Eggs Set						
Past Week	3,984	98	98	213,723	99	100
Past 3 Weeks	12,007	NA	97	647,350	NA	101
Expected Marketings						
Week Ending:						
May 13, 2006	2,710	NA	93	170,133	NA	99

Poultry Slaughter: Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during the week ending March 11, 2006, totaled 2,277,000 head with an average live weight of 5.32 pounds.

Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

	Week Ending					
State	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25	Mar 4	Mar 11	Mar 18
	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand
AL	31,872	31,815	*31,810	31,895	31,866	31,929
AR	30,591	31,038	*30,903	30,868	31,164	30,561
DE	3,713	3,987	3,920	3,872	3,742	3,781
FL	1,368	1,354	1,373	1,364	1,369	1,365
GA	33,992	34,226	34,816	34,827	34,980	34,004
KY	5,943	*7,120	7,143	7,130	*7,154	6,763
LA	4,136	4,166	4,166	4,088	4,136	4,136
MD	8,622	8,901	8,871	8,977	8,980	8,964
MS	18,323	18,108	18,392	18,439	18,439	18,326
ND	18,738	19,355	*19,477	18,986	*18,945	18,564
OK	6,665	6,759	6,617	6,633	*6,657	6,510
PA	4,063	3,333	4,214	*3,947	*4,076	3,984
SC	5,345	5,369	5,339	5,444	5,425	5,171
TX	15,117	15,144	15,189	15,266	15,184	15,180
VA	6,360	6,296	6,410	6,577	6,644	6,607
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,768	18,210	18,202	18,361	*18,192	17,878
19 State Total	212,616	*215,181	*216,842	*216,674	*216,953	213,723
Previous Year Total	213,830	213,897	213,989	214,750	213,629	213,135
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	101	101	101	102	100

^{*}Revised.

Broiler Chicks Set, 19 Selected States

	Week Ending						
State	Feb 11 2006	Feb 18 2006	Feb 25 2006	Mar 4 2006	Mar 11 2006	Mar 18 2006	
	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	Thousand	
AL	21,416	20,851	21,339	21,298	*21,608	22,003	
AR	25,383	23,786	23,863	24,141	*23,761	25,107	
DE	5,267	5,874	5,648	5,207	6,049	5,319	
FL	1,843	1,496	1,498	1,494	1,451	1,541	
GA	27,662	28,038	27,129	27,560	*28,060	27,986	
KY	6,370	6,097	5,913	4,925	*6,435	5,812	
LA	3,950	4,229	4,174	3,806	4,048	3,830	
MD	6,022	4,960	5,022	5,194	4,949	5,091	
MS	16,244	16,547	16,428	16,541	16,272	16,514	
ND	14,471	14,951	15,346	15,346	*15,577	15,845	
OK	4,781	5,948	5,391	5,242	*5,205	4,185	
PA	2,936	2,989	2,732	*2,844	*2,591	2,946	
SC	5,239	4,562	4,338	5,152	4,611	4,721	
TX	12,999	13,148	12,622	12,920	12,885	13,071	
VA	4,952	4,996	5,092	5,235	5,110	5,646	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,486	15,909	16,607	16,756	*16,832	17,461	
19 State Total	176,021	174,381	173,142	*173,661	*175,444	177,078	
Previous Year Total	175,504	175,869	176,799	176,267	176,772	176,235	
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	98	99	99	100	

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